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SUBJ: BELLA LEWITZKY DANCE COMPANY TOUR

FOR CU/CP

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1. WITH BELLA LEWITZKY DANCE COMPANY TOUR CANCELLED DUE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS ON TOP OF EARLIER CANCELLATIONS ST. PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND PRINCETON GLEE CLUB, POST LEFT WITH NO, REPEAT, NO, AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS THIS YEAR, OR, FOR THAT MATTER IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
2. SINCE LEWITZKY DANCE COMPANY TOUR PRIVATE WITH MINIMAL DEPARTMENTAL ASSISTANCE, POST STRONGLY URGES CU ASSIST COMPANY MEET NEEDED DEFICIT SO TOUR CAN BE UNDERTAKEN AS SCHEDULED.
3. NOT ONLY DOES CANCELLATION BREAK CONTRACT WITH LOCAL SPONSORING GROUP, BUT ALSO DEPRIVES EMBASSY OF EXCELLENT PR OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW AMERICA IN ADVANTAGEOUS LIGHT AT TIME NEEDED TO HELP TAKE FOCUS OFF CURRENT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES AS RECENT BANGKOK PERFORMANCES OF WESTERN DANCE GROUPS HAVE SHOWN, IN PARTICULAR SELL OUTS OF LENINGRAD AND BERLIN BALLETS LAST SEPTEMBER, THERE IS AUDIENCE FOR DANCE HERE AND WE NEED CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS.
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